

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION**

CASSANDRA ALVARADO and,
FRANK ALVARADO,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SURESH KHANDEKAR, M.D. and
TRUE YOU WEIGHT LOSS –
ATLANTA, LLC,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendants Suresh Khandekar, M.D. and True You Weight Loss – Atlanta, LLC (collectively referred to as “Defendants”), hereby provide notice pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446 of the removal of the above-captioned case from the State Court of Fulton County, State of Georgia, in which it is now pending, captioned Civil Action File No. 23EV000157 (the “Underlying Action”), to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division, and state as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On January 9, 2023, Cassandra Alvarado and Frank Alvarado (“Plaintiffs”) filed a Complaint in the State Court of Fulton County, Georgia, bearing the File No. 23EV000157 (the “Complaint”), attached as Exhibit A.

2. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), copies of all process, pleadings, and orders received to date upon Defendants, including the Complaint, are attached.

3. Defendants have not received any other pleadings in this litigation.

4. By filing a Notice of Removal, Defendants do not waive their right to object to service of process, the sufficiency of process, jurisdiction over parties, or venue, and Defendants specifically reserve the right to assert any defenses and objections to which they are entitled.

II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

5. Pursuant to the Complaint, in June of 2022, Ms. Alvarado was allegedly persuaded to undergo an endoscopic sleeve gastroplasty (“ESG”) performed by physicians at True You Weight Loss – Atlanta, LLC. (Complaint, ¶ 6).

6. Dr. Suresh Khandekar performed the procedure on July 14, 2022, with the assistance of four staff members. The procedure started at 9:49 a.m. and ended at 11:18 a.m. The Operative Report indicates that after the patient was sedated and intubated Dr. Khandekar placed 8 sutures in a u-shaped pattern which created a

sleeve-like shape in the stomach. Ms. Alvarado was subsequently discharged at 12:12 p.m. (Complaint, ¶ 7).

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9. A CT of Ms. Alvarado's abdomen and pelvis showed gastric perforation with a large collection anterior to the spleen. Ms. Alvarado was taken to surgery the following day. (Complaint, ¶ 10).

10. On July 17, 2022, Jamil L. Stetler, M.D. ("Dr. Stetler") performed a diagnostic laparoscopy followed by a repair of the gastric perforation, takedown of the ESG, wedge gastrectomy, omental pedicle flap, and abdominal washout. (Complaint, ¶ 11).

11. Following the surgery, Ms. Alvarado was admitted to the regular nursing floor and was discharged on July 22, 2022. (Complaint, ¶ 15).

12. Plaintiffs allege Dr. Khandekar violated the standard of care and was negligent in his performance of the ESG procedure. (Complaint, ¶ 19).

13. Plaintiffs contend the alleged negligence of Dr. Khandekar proximately caused damages to Plaintiffs and that Plaintiffs incurred medical expenses for the care and treatment of Ms. Alvarado in excess of \$94,814.47. (Complaint, ¶¶ 20, 21).

14. Plaintiffs further allege Dr. Khandekar was an employee and agent of Defendant True You Weight Loss – Atlanta, LLC and was at all relevant times acting within the course and scope of his employment. (Complaint, ¶ 27).

15. Plaintiffs allege Defendant True You Weight Loss – Atlanta, LLC is vicariously liable for the alleged negligence of Dr. Khandekar under the doctrine of *respondeat superior*. (Complaint, ¶ 28).

16. Plaintiffs further allege that Defendant True You Weight Loss – Atlanta, LLC is jointly and severally liable with Dr. Khandekar for his alleged negligent acts and omissions committed during the course and scope of his employment with Defendant True You Weight Loss – Atlanta, LLC. (Complaint, ¶ 29).

III. NOTICE OF REMOVAL IS TIMELY

17. Plaintiffs' counsel provided Defense counsel with a copy of the Summons and Complaint on January 10, 2023.

18. Defendants acknowledged service of the Summons and Complaint on January 13, 2023. True You Weight Loss was served on January 17, 2023.

19. This Notice of Removal is timely because it is submitted within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Complaint. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(2)(B). Additionally, this notice is timely because it is filed within one year after commencement of the action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(c)(1).

IV. GROUND FOR REMOVAL

20. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a), “any civil action brought in a State court of which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction, may be removed by the defendant . . . to the district court of the United States for the district and division embracing the place where such action is pending.” This court has original subject-matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, diversity jurisdiction, because this is a civil action between citizens of different states and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.

a. There is Complete Diversity of Named Parties.

21. The general rule is that “diversity jurisdiction is determined . . . at the time of removal.” *Smith v. Comcast Corp.*, 786 F. App’x. 935, 939 (11th Cir. 2019).

22. This diversity must be complete, meaning “that no defendant in a diversity action [is] a citizen of the same state as any plaintiff.” *MacGinnitie v. Hobbs Grp., LLC*, 420 F.3d 1234, 1239 (11th Cir. 2005). Citizenship, for jurisdictional purposes, is determined at the time the suit is filed. *Id.*

23. For purposes of diversity jurisdiction, a limited liability company’s citizenship is based on the state in which its members are citizens. *Rolling Greens MHP, L.P. v. Comcast SCH Holdings L.L.C.*, 374 F.3d 1020 (11th Cir. 2004).

24. Plaintiffs are residents of the State of Tennessee. (Complaint, ¶ 1).

25. Defendant Suresh Khandekar, M.D. is a resident of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. (Complaint, ¶ 2).

26. Defendant True You Weight Loss – Atlanta, LLC is a domestic limited liability company whose members are citizens of North Carolina. (Complaint, ¶ 3; Certificate of Interested Persons and Corporate Disclosure Statement). Accordingly, Defendant True You Weight Loss – Atlanta, LLC is a citizen of North Carolina for purposes of diversity jurisdiction.

27. Thus, there is complete diversity between the proper parties.

<u>Plaintiffs</u>	<u>Defendants</u>
Cassandra Alvarado (TN)	Suresh Khandekar, M.D. (NC)
Frank Alvarado (TN)	True You Weight Loss - Atlanta, LLC (NC)

b. The Amount in Controversy Requirement is Satisfied.

31. “In order to invoke a federal court’s diversity jurisdiction, a plaintiff must claim, among other things, that the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.” *Est. of Thornton ex. rel. Thornton v. Unum Life Ins. Co. of Am.*, 445 F. Supp. 2d 1397, 1381 (N.D. Ga. 2006); 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).

32. A removing defendant, “as specified in § 1446(a)[,] . . . need include only a plausible allegation that the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional threshold.” *Torreyes v. Godiva Chocolatier, Inc.*, 424 F.Supp.3d 1276 (S.D. Florida 2019) *citing Dart Cherokee Basin Operating Co., LLC v. Owens*, 574 U.S. 81, 89 (2014). “[W]here jurisdiction is based on a claim for indeterminate damages, the . . . party seeking to invoke federal jurisdiction bears the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the claim on which it is basing jurisdiction meets the jurisdictional minimum.” *Federated Mut. Ins. Co. v. McKinnon Motors, LLC*, 329 F.3d 805, 807 (11th Cir. 2003); *see also, Dart Cherokee Basin*, 574 U.S. at 88.

33. Here, Plaintiffs allege that they incurred costs in excess of \$94,814.47. (Complaint, ¶ 21). Plaintiffs further allege that they are entitled to damages for past, present, and future physical and mental pain and suffering; for past, present, and future medical expenses which have and will be incurred; for permanent injuries and disabilities; and for loss of consortium (Complaint, ¶¶ 22, 23).

34. Therefore, it is facially apparent from the Complaint that the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional requirement amount of \$75,000. Accordingly, the amount in controversy requirement is satisfied.

V. VENUE

35. The United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia is the federal judicial district encompassing the Fulton County State Court, Georgia, where this suit was originally filed. 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a); 28 U.S.C. § 90(a)(2).

36. This lawsuit may be removed to the Atlanta Division of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(a)(1) and 1441(a).

VI. CONSENT

37. Each Defendant consents to removal as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(2).

VII. PROCEDURE

38. Written notice of the filing of the Notice of Removal will be promptly served on all other parties to this action and a copy will be promptly filed with the Fulton County State Court as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d). A copy of the Notice of Filing Notice of Removal is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

VII. CONCLUSION

39. Defendants respectfully remove this action from the State Court of Fulton County, State of Georgia to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division.

This 8th day of February, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1 D, I hereby certify that the foregoing document was prepared using Times New Roman 14-point type as provided in Local Rule 5.1B.

Respectfully submitted,

<p>999 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 950 Atlanta, Georgia 30309 P: 404.892.4022 dmackenzie@huffpowellbailey.com hloftin@huffpowellbailey.com</p>	<p>HUFF, POWELL & BAILEY, LLC</p> <p><i>/s/ David D. Mackenzie</i> DAVID D. MACKENZIE Georgia Bar No. 796972 J. HARRISON LOFTIN Georgia Bar No. 319878</p> <p><i>Counsel for Defendants Suresh Khandekar, M.D., and True You Weight Loss – Atlanta, LLC</i></p>
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, David D. Mackenzie, an attorney, certify that I filed the foregoing using the Court's ECF system, which will cause a true and correct copy of the same to be served electronically on all ECF-registered counsel of record listed below.

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Submitted this 8th day of February, 2023.

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EXHIBIT A

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FRANK ALVARADO,)

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V.

SURESH KHANDEKAR, M.D. and)
TRUE YOU WEIGHT LOSS –)
ATLANTA, LLC,)

Defendants.

Civil Action No.: _____

COMPLAINT FOR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

COME NOW Plaintiffs and file this Complaint for Medical Malpractice respectfully showing the Court as follows:

PARTIES, JURISDICTION & VENUE

1.

Plaintiffs are residents of the State of Tennessee who are entitled to invoke the jurisdiction of this Court.

2.

Defendant Suresh Khandekar, M.D. is a resident of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina who may be served with Summons and Complaint at his home address of 2307 Kearsa Way, Charlotte, North Carolina 28270-3783.

3.

Defendant True You Weight Loss - Atlanta, LLC is a domestic limited liability company employing physicians engaged in the practice of medicine in the State of Georgia which may be

served with Summons and Complaint upon a member or manager where it has an office and transacts business: 5673 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Suite 470, Sandy Springs, Georgia 30342.

4.

Defendants are subject to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court. Venue is proper pursuant to Ga. Const. art. VI, § 2, ¶ IV and O.C.G.A. § 14-2-510(b)(3).

FACTS

5.

Defendant Khandekar was at all times material hereto a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia and was an employee and agent of Defendant True You Weight Loss - Atlanta, LLC.

6.

In June of 2022, Mrs. Alvarado, who is 5' 4" tall and weighs 243 lbs., was considering whether to undergo bariatric (weight loss) surgery. She was persuaded to undergo an endoscopic sleeve gastroplasty ("ESG") performed by physicians at True You Weight Loss who represent on their website that ESG is a "non-surgical, incisionless and minimally invasive procedure" that can be done on an out-patient basis. Mrs. Alvarado paid \$11,820.00 out-of-pocket for the procedure.

7.

Defendant Khandekar, who is no longer shown on the company's website, performed the procedure on July 14, 2022, with the assistance of four staff members. The procedure started at 9:49 a.m. and ended at 11:18 a.m. The Operative Report indicates that, after the patient was sedated and intubated, Dr. Khandekar placed 8 sutures in a u-shaped pattern which, when tightly cinched, created a sleeve-like shape in the stomach. Mrs. Alvarado was discharged at 12:12 p.m.

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A CT of Mrs. Alvarado's abdomen and pelvis showed gastric perforation with a large collection anterior to the spleen. There were several foci of free air anterior to the left liver margin. There was scattered mildly hyperdense free fluid in the pelvis, and a small left pleural effusion. Mrs. Alvarado was taken to surgery the following day.

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12.

Dr. Stetler identified a perforation in the mid-body of the stomach. He noted distal stricturing from the ESG, though the fundus sutures had completely come apart. The fundus was

extremely dilated and full of fluid. Dr. Stetler observed three exposed endoscopic sutures that had torn through. There was contamination in the patient's upper left quadrant with gastric content and fibrinous exudate. When performing an intraoperative esophagogastroduodenoscopy, Dr. Stetler could barely get his scope through the distal portion of the stomach to identify the pylorus.

13.

Dr. Stetler identified the perforation and repaired it with sutures. He concluded that he would need to take down the ESG to restore normal anatomy and relieve the distal third of the endoscopic sleeve where the stomach was bunched together. He oversewed a number of locations where he removed sutures. In order to visualize and remove one deeply embedded suture, Dr. Stetler made a small gastrotomy which was later closed with a linear stapler, creating a wedge gastrectomy. Though he was able to restore normal stomach anatomy, Dr. Stetler noted that he did not remove all of the blue sutures which were anchored inside the stomach.

14.

After the stomach procedure was completed, Dr. Stetler irrigated the left upper quadrant with saline and suctioned it clear. He placed a drain along the greater curvature of the stomach up by the spleen.

15.

Following the surgery Mrs. Alvarado was admitted to the regular nursing floor with a nasogastric tube in place. She remained no food by mouth with partial parenteral nutrition until July 21, 2022, when imaging showed no leak. She was advanced to clear liquid diet followed by full liquid diet at the time of discharge on July 22, 2022.

COUNT I: PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE OF DEFENDANT KHANDEKAR

16.

Plaintiffs reallege and reincorporate paragraphs 1-15 as if fully set forth herein.

17.

Plaintiff Cassandra Alvarado and Defendant Khandekar had a doctor-patient relationship.

18.

Defendant Khandekar owed a duty of care to Plaintiff Cassandra Alvarado as established by the standard of care applicable to physicians generally under the same or similar conditions and like surrounding circumstances.

19.

Defendant Khandekar breached the standard of care and was thereby negligent. Dr. Khandekar's violations of the standard of care included, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Dr. Khandekar violated the standard of care by placing approximately three sutures in the fundus portion of the stomach which is too thin to tolerate the force applied during cinching without the endoscopic sutures tearing apart from the stomach lining which is what happened in Mrs. Alvarado's case. It is widely accepted now that the fundus should not be sutured in endoscopic sleeve gastropasty. The gastric perforation resulted from a poorly placed suture in the proximal portion of the stomach that caused a tear;
- (b) Dr. Khandekar violated the standard of care by over-tightening the sutures in the distal end of the gastric sleeve which created a stricture and near total blockage that was too small for Mrs. Alvarado's stomach to function properly. The build up of

fluid and pressure proximal to (above) this stricture may have further exacerbated the leak.

20.

The negligence of Defendant Khandekar as set forth above proximately caused damages to Plaintiffs.

21.

As a result of Defendant Khandekar's negligence, Plaintiffs incurred medical expenses for the care and treatment of Cassandra Alvarado in excess of \$94,814.47.

22.

As a result of Defendant Khandekar's negligence, Plaintiff Cassandra Alvarado seeks recovery for her past, present, and future physical and mental pain and suffering; for past, present, and future medical expenses which have and will be incurred; and for her permanent injuries and disabilities.

23.

As a result of Defendant Khandekar's negligence, Plaintiff Frank Alvarado seeks recovery for loss of consortium as permitted by law.

24.

Attached to this Complaint as Exhibit "1," and incorporated herein by reference, is the professional affidavit of Mohammad A. Al-Haddad, M.D. Dr. Al-Haddad is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Indiana University School of Medicine and is qualified to testify regarding the standard of applicable to the care and treatment rendered by Dr. Khandekar to Plaintiff. Dr. Al-Haddad's curriculum vitae is attached hereto as Exhibit "A-1" and is incorporated herein by reference.

25.

The affidavit attached as Exhibit “1” is filed with this Complaint to comply with O.C.G.A. § 9-11-9.1 and to identify at least one negligent act or omission claimed to exist and the factual basis for each such claim. It is not the purpose of this affidavit to set forth every act or omission by Defendants which caused or contributed to Plaintiffs’ injuries.

COUNT II: VICARIOUS LIABILITY

26.

Plaintiffs reallege and reincorporate paragraphs 1-25 as if fully set forth herein.

27.

At all times relevant to the claims set forth herein, Defendant Khandekar was an employee and agent of Defendant True You Weight Loss - Atlanta, LLC and was at all relevant times acting within the course and scope of his employment.

28.

Defendant True You Weight Loss - Atlanta, LLC is vicariously liable for the negligence of Dr. Khandekar under the doctrine of respondeat superior.

29.

Under the doctrine of respondeat superior, Defendant True You Weight Loss - Atlanta, LLC is jointly and severally liable with Defendant Khandekar for his negligent acts and omissions committed during the course and scope of his employment with Defendant True You Weight Loss - Atlanta, LLC.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for the following:

- 1) That summons issue and that Defendants be served with the summons and Complaint as provided by law;

- 2) That Plaintiffs have a trial by jury on all issues so triable;
- 3) That Plaintiffs recover damages from Defendants in an amount to be proven at trial;
and
- 5) That the Court award such other and further relief as it shall deem just
and appropriate.

/s/ David L. Turner
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PLAINTIFFS DEMAND TRIAL BY JURY

EXHIBIT 1

STATE OF Indiana
COUNTY OF Hamilton

AFFIDAVIT OF MOHAMMAD A. AL-HADDAD, M.D.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority duly authorized to administer oaths, Mohammad A. Al-Haddad, M.D., who, after being duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

1.

I am over the age of 21 years, suffer from no mental disability and am competent to make this Affidavit. I am giving this Affidavit based upon my education, training, experience and personal knowledge from my review of medical records of Cassandra Alvarado as described below.

2.

I make this Affidavit pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 9-11-9.1, as well as for all other purposes allowed by law.

3.

I am an actively practicing medical doctor and, at all times material hereto, I have been licensed and practicing medicine in the State of Indiana. I currently serve as the Division Director Professor of Medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Indiana University School of Medicine. I have been Board Certified in Gastroenterology since 2007. I was Board Certified in Internal Medicine from 2004 until 2014. I have been regularly engaged in the active and continuous practice of Gastroenterology during the five years immediately preceding the acts or omissions hereinafter discussed that caused injury to Cassandra Alvarado. I

have helped build our Medical and Endoscopic Weight Loss program at Indiana University Health. A true and correct copy of my curriculum vitae is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and is incorporated herein by reference.

4.

I am familiar with the standard of care ordinarily employed by physicians generally who provide medical services to patients in the field of Gastroenterology, including the standard of care for performing the endoscopic sleeve gastroplasty ("ESG") procedure. I have personally performed the ESG procedure, and I am competent to perform the ESG procedure.

5.

Prior to executing this Affidavit, I reviewed the following medical records of Cassandra Alvarado:

- True You Weight Loss Center
- Emory St. Joseph's Hospital

6.

The following facts appear in the medical records mentioned above:

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7.

It is my opinion that Dr. Khandekar committed at least one or more negligent acts in his care and treatment rendered to Ms. Alvarado by failing to exercise a reasonable degree of care and skill in compliance with the applicable standard of care. These negligent acts were in breach of that degree of care and skill ordinarily employed Gastroenterologists generally when performing the endoscopic sleeve gastropasty for patients like Ms. Alvarado under the same or similar conditions and like surrounding circumstances. Based upon the foregoing, it is my opinion that

Dr. Khandekar violated the standard of care in his medical care and treatment of Mrs. Alvarado.

Dr. Khandekar's violations of the standard of care include, but are not limited to, the following:

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8.

It is my opinion to a reasonable degree of medical certainty or probability that if Dr. Khandekar had complied with the standard of care the patient's post-procedure complications that required surgery at Emory St. Joseph's Hospital would have been avoided.

9.

It is my understanding this Affidavit will be used by Mrs. Alvarado to file a Complaint naming Suresh Khandekar, M.D. and his employer, True You Weight Loss – Atlanta, LLC, as defendants. The foregoing does not necessarily reflect all of my opinions regarding the care of Mrs. Alvarado by Dr. Khandekar, but rather is to merely set forth at least one act of negligence of Dr. Khandekar in his care and treatment of Mrs. Alvarado.

So sworn, this 7th day of January, 202~~4~~³.

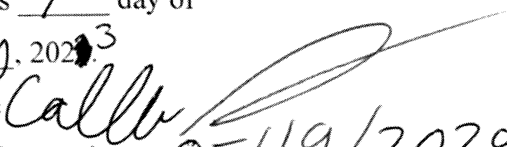

MOHAMMAD A. AL-HADDAD
Mohammad A. Al-Haddad, M.D.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED

Before me this 7th day of
January, 202~~4~~³.

Notary Public

My Commission expires:


05/19/2029

Caleb R. Spangler
Notary Public - Seal
State of Indiana
Tipton County

My Commission Expires 05/19/2029
Commission No. NP0733799

EXHIBIT A-1

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POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

Institution: Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH
Position: **Internship-Internal Medicine**
Dates: 2001-2002

Institution: Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH
Position: **Residency-Internal Medicine**
Dates: 2002-2004

Institution: Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL
Position: **Fellowship-Gastroenterology**
Dates: 2004-2007

GRADUATE

School: Indiana University School of Medicine
Regenstrief Health Science Institute
Degree: **Masters of Science, Clinical Research**
Dates: 09/2008 – 05/2012

UNDERGRADUATE

School: Jordan University, Faculty of Medicine
Degree: **Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)**
Dates: 09/1993-06/1999

APPOINTMENTS:

ACADEMIC

Position/Rank: **Instructor of Medicine**
Institution/Institute/Department: Mayo Clinic School of Medicine, Jacksonville, FL
Dates: 06/2006-06/2007

Position/Rank: **Assistant Professor of Medicine**
Institution/Institute/Department: Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
Dates: 2007-2013

Position/Rank: **Associate Professor of Medicine**
Institution/Institute/Department: Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
Dates: 07/2013-08/2014; 2016-06/2021
Position/Rank: **Professor of Medicine**

Institution/Institute/Department: Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
Dates: 07/2021- present

NON-ACADEMIC/HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS

Position/Rank: **Associate Medical Staff**
Institution/Institute/Department: IU Health-Morgan Hospital, Martinsville, IN
Dates: 2007-2012

Position/Rank: **Associate Medical Staff**
Institution/Institute/Department: Margaret Mary Memorial Hospital, Batesville, IN
Dates: 2007-2014

Position/Rank: **Medical Director**
Institution/Institute/Department: IU Pancreas Cyst and Cancer Early Detection Center (PCC-EDC)
Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
Dates: 2008-2014

I served as the Medical Director of this program, which was established in 2008 at IU Hospital. This multidisciplinary program is currently providing care to over 1,000 new and returning patients with pancreatic cysts and hereditary pancreatic cancer on annual basis. I used to spend 3 days each month seeing patients in this clinic. www.pancyst.org

Position/Rank: **Medical Director**
Institution/Institute/Department: IU Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) Program
Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
Dates: 2007-2014, 2016-present

This program was among the first 3 nationwide programs to develop and further this technology. With an annual EUS procedural volume exceeding 3,000 patients, this program is currently ranked among the top 3 busiest programs in the nation and offers a full array of EUS services. I perform over 1,200 EUS procedures annually and actively co-manage the program alongside the current EUS director.

Position/Rank: **Active Medical Staff**
Institution/Institute/Department: IU Health-Indiana University Hospital
Digestive and Liver Disorders
Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
Dates: 2007-2014; 2016-present

Position/Rank: **Consultant Gastroenterologist**
Institution/Institute/Department: Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, UAE
Dates: 2014-2016

Position/Rank: **Director of Endoscopy**
Institution/Institute/Department: Digestive Disease Institute
Cleveland Clinic, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Dates: 2014-2016

This tertiary referral center brings to the Middle East specialty gastroenterology care modeled after the main campus in Cleveland, Ohio. The Institute provides basic and advanced GI care including therapeutic endoscopy services. The GI department is comprised of 12 gastroenterologists, the largest in UAE and is served by state of the art endoscopy suite supported by numerous services including minimally invasive and robotic surgery. As the Director of endoscopy at this institution, I was in charge of building the endoscopy unit from the ground up. I have performed the first endoscopic peroral myotomy (POEM) in the region and the Middle East (January 2016), in addition to introducing the first complex endoscopic pancreatobiliary interventions to UAE and in many cases the greater Middle East region (pseudocyst drainage, direct

endoscopic necrosectomy, EUS rendez-vous technique, EUS guided access among other interventions during my tenure 2015-2016).

Position/Rank: **Co-Director**
 Institution/Institute/Department: IUH Digestive and Liver Disorders Service Line
 Indiana University Health, Indianapolis, IN
 Dates: 08/2016-10/2017

Position/Rank: **Clinical Lead**
 Institution/Institute/Department: IUH Digestive and Liver Disorders Medical and
 Endoscopic Weight Loss Program
 Indiana University Health, Indianapolis, IN
 Dates: 08/2016- present

I have been directly involved in the creation and strategic development of our medical weight loss program-IU North in my capacity as the program clinical lead. This team now includes Dr. Gilmore in addition to an advanced provider and a dietician and serves an increasing volume of patients along with providing comprehensive non-surgical weight loss options including meal replacement, medications, group lessons, and endoscopic weight loss interventions. Our team has performed over 18 endoscopic weight loss procedures to date, including the first stoma and pouch reductions and endoscopic sleeve gastropasty (ESG) in the state of Indiana.

Position/Rank: **Associate Clinical Director**
 Institution/Institute/Department: Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
 Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
 Dates: 10/2017- 03/2020

See the narrative below

Position/Rank: **Value Stream Owner**
 Institution/Institute/Department: Digestive and Liver Disorders
 Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
 Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
 Dates: 03/2018- present

As of March 1, 2018, I took over as the value stream owner for Digestive and Liver Disorders. Prior to that, I served on the Value Stream Steering Committee for 18 months. DaLD Value Stream is one the oldest clinical Value Streams within IU Health, currently in its fifth year with many accomplishments to celebrate in improving clinical efficiency and access, faculty and staff engagement among others. I was directly involved in designing and conducting VSA 5.0 activities for 2018-2019 that included 3 Rapid Improvement Projects (RIEs) and 3 Projects. I am currently involved in conducting VSA 6.0 activities including 3 RIEs and 3 projects. I am currently Green, A3 certified, and Bronze certified.

Position/Rank: **Medical Director**
 Institution/Institute/Department: Digestive and Liver Disorders (DaLD) Clinic
 Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
 Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
 Dates: 2018- present

Our downtown DaLD Clinic is housed at University Hospital and is home to 22 nurses and medical assistants. This is the main venue where 22 physicians and 7 APPs provide clinical care to over 2000 patients on monthly basis

Position/Rank: **Medical Director**
 Institution/Institute/Department: Indiana University Health International Patient Program
 Indiana University Health, Indianapolis, IN
 Dates: 03/2019- present

Established in 2012, IU Health International is a rapidly growing program attracting patients mainly from 17 countries in the Middle East, Arabian Gulf, and Eastern Europe. Since my involvement in this in 2019, this program has witnessed a revenue growth of \$1.7M which is >3x year on year compared to 2018. In 2020, we expect to sign management agreements with 2 hospitals within UAE for specialty pediatric and adult care.

Position/Rank:	Clinical Director
Institution/Institute/Department:	Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
Dates:	04/2020- present

Position/Rank:	Interim Chief
Institution/Institute/Department:	Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
Dates:	04/2020- present

The Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology at IU Medical Center is staffed by about 72 full time physicians and 12 advanced practice providers (APPs), constituting one of the largest divisions in the USA with enormous clinical and research expertise. The Division has developed an international reputation for excellence in clinical care and research which is largely based on its robust clinical endoscopy program (>40,000 general procedures and >7000 advanced/innovative and pancreatobiliary procedures annually). Over the last 15 years, the Division has been consistently ranked among the top GI departments nationally according to US News and World Report. I have served as the clinical co-director of the Division since 2016 with direct involvement in multiple tasks including faculty recruitment, marketing and new-market development, outreach staffing and scheduling, inpatient endoscopy staffing and coverage, support of Eskenazi GI section, annual faculty clinical schedules, outreach clinic and endoscopy coverage, and IU Health DaLD website updates. I represent the Division to the IU Health Destination Services and have recently been involved in national and international marketing. I have served on the Clinical Cabinet at our Division since 2016. I have participated in conducting Annual Reviews in the spring of 2018, 2019 and 2020 of our clinical faculty.

During my tenure as interim chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, we were able to grow our clinical team by 4 gastroenterologists and 5 APPs despite the COVID pandemic. Our clinical productivity as a group has increased in 2021 by 15% for new patient volumes, and 12% endoscopy procedures compared to 2019. The expansion of our endoscopy suite on the North side of Indianapolis and the expansion of one of our main clinics made this growth possible. Our service line pioneered many initiatives during the 2020-2021 academic year including enhancing our virtual care platforms, enhancing outpatient clinic efficiency, establishing new quality metrics specific to our division, and recruiting the first Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Associate Director for our division (and the first in the Department of Medicine). On the research administration side, the last academic year brought along \$1.9 million in budget savings through the restructuring our current foundation accounts and industry contracts.

During the same year, four of our faculty saw successful advancement through the promotion and tenure process (three to associate professor and one to full professor rank with tenure).

Professional Consulting:

Over the last fifteen year, I served as a consultant to numerous pharmaceutical companies including (not limited to): Boston Scientific, Cook, and Olympus among others.

AREA OF CONSULTING

INNOVATIVE ENDOSCOPY

Specialty Board Status:

Board certified in Internal Medicine	2004-2014
Board certified in Gastroenterology	2007-present

Certification and Licensure

Name of Board	Ohio Medical Residency Training License
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Date of Certification	2001-2004
Licensure State/Number	Ohio/57003887
Date Issued:	05/2001
 Name of Board	 Florida State Medical License
Date of Certification	04/12/2004 – 01/31/2008
Licensure State/Number	Florida, ME90045
Date Issued:	04/12/2004
 Name of Board	 Florida State Medical License
Date of Certification	Inactive status
Licensure State/Number	ME1216001
Date Issued:	09/2014
 Name of Board	 Indiana State Medical License and CSR
Date of Certification	10/31/2021
Licensure State/Number	Indiana, 01062866A
Date Issued:	10/30/2006

Professional organization memberships

American College of Gastroenterology (ACG)	Member Fellow	2004-present 2014- present
American Gastroenterology Association (AGA)	Member Fellow	2004-present 2016- present
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE)	Member Fellow	2005- present 2012- present
Jordan Medical Association	Member	1999- present

PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS:

TEACHING

- **Journal Club Faculty of the Year Award**, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, IU School of Medicine, June 2018

RESEARCH

- **Certificate of Appreciation**, for the oral presentation: Safety of Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) during Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS): A Prospective Study. Florida Gastroenterology Society. Annual meeting, St. Augustine, FL, March 2006
- **ACG Presidential Poster Award**: Antegrade and Retrograde Endoscopic Approach in the Establishment of a Neo-Esophagus: A Novel Technique. American College of Gastroenterology Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, Oct 2006
- **ACG Presidential Poster Award** for the presentation: Comparison of Preoperative Cytopathology, Tumor Markers and Molecular Analysis for the Diagnosis of Mucinous Pancreatic Cysts in Patients Undergoing Surgical Resection. American College of Gastroenterology Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, Oct 2010
- **Abstract of Distinction** for the presentation: Prevalence of Malignancy in Symptomatic and Asymptomatic Patients with Pure Main Duct Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasms. Digestive Disease Week, Chicago, IL, May 2011
- **ACG Governor Award in Clinical Research** for the oral presentation: Alterations in Cross-Sectional Imaging and Cyst Fluid Genetics following Endoscopic Ultrasound Guided Pancreatic Cyst Ablation with Ethanol and Paclitaxel by DeWitt J, Al-Haddad M et al. The Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College of Gastroenterology, Las Vegas, NV, Nov 2012.

- **Astra Zeneca Training Award** for the oral presentation: Repeat endoscopic ultrasound-guided celiac plexus block and neurolysis: What is the efficacy and safety? The Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College of Gastroenterology. San Diego, CA, Oct 2013.
- **Abstract of Distinction**, for the presentation: Predictors of Acute and Chronic Pouchitis. Digestive Disease Week, New Orleans, LA June 2014
- **ACG Presidential Poster Award** for the presentation: An Exclusive Fine Needle Biopsy Approach to Sampling Solid Lesions under EUS Guidance: A Case-Controlled Study American College of Gastroenterology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Oct 2018.
- DeWitt J, **Al-Haddad M. Outstanding Research Award** in the Interventional Endoscopy Category for the oral abstract “Prospective Comparison of Functional Lumen Imaging Probe and High Resolution Esophageal Manometry to Assess Clinical Response after Per-Oral Endoscopic Myotomy”, ACG Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, 2021.

SERVICE:

- **The Chairman of Medicine Special Recognition Award for 2021** for the role of Interim Chief of GI (2021-current)
- **IU Health President’s Values Leadership Award for 2021-Medical Staff, Dec 2021.**
- IU Health Physicians Values Leadership Award (VLA) for the year 2021 (Nov 2021)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- First year GI fellow workshop-Southeastern region Orlando, FL. (attendance grant recipient). December 2004
- 4th Annual Symposium for Gastrointestinal Tumors at University of Missouri at St. Louis. October 2005
- ASGE Workshop on Achieving Academic Success Washington D.C (attendance grant recipient). November 2005
- Write Winning Grants workshop Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education. November 2005
- ACG 2nd year GI fellows’ workshop, Tucson, AZ, (attendance grant recipient). December 2005
- First Annual Fellows Nutrition Course Chicago, IL (attendance grant recipient). November 2006
- Rocky Mountain Interventional Endoscopy Course, (attendance grant recipient). February 2007
- North American Conference of Gastroenterology Fellows, San Diego, CA (attendance grant recipient). April 2007.
- Advancing IBD Management through Mentoring Fellows educational program, Palm Springs, CA (attendance grant recipient). May 2007
- **LAMP Certification Program** (Leadership in Academic Medicine Program), Indiana University School of Medicine. Aug 2009-June 2010
- **Sailing the High Seas Professional Development Program.** Indiana University School of Medicine. Jan 2017-Nov 2017.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

1. Staffing General Gastroenterology Wards: 2007– present: Indiana University Medical Center-University Hospital. 2007-2014; and 2016-2017: One month per year Supervise and teach 2-3 house staff members and one student.
2. Staffing Pancreatobiliary Wards: 2007-present; Indiana University Medical Center; University Hospital: 6 weeks per year supervise and teach 2-3 house staff members and one student
3. Advanced Endoscopy rotations in EUS: 2007-2014; 2016-present: Up to 4 months per year of hands on advanced endoscopy training for advanced GI fellows.
4. Standard GI Fellows Lectures series: on average providing 2-3 one-hour lectures per year to GI fellows as part of the educational curriculum. Variable topics. 2007-2014; 2016-present.

5. Teaching of standard GI and advanced GI fellows of advanced endoscopy practices in endoscopic ultrasound: 2007-2014; 2016-current. On average, I spend 10 hours/week in this activity.
6. Introduction to Endoscopic Ultrasound, Endoscopic Ultrasound Nurses Workshop, **Speaker and Course co-director**, Indiana University School of Medicine. Indianapolis, IN. May 2009.
7. ASGE First Year Fellows Educational Course. **Course Director**. ASGE IT&T Center, Oak Brook, IL. August 2014.
8. First International Live EUS Course. **Contributor and Moderator**, Live Endoscopy sessions. King Fahad Medical City, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. December 2014.
9. Live Endoscopy sessions. **Contributor and Moderator**. Emirates Gastroenterology and Hepatology Conference. Dubai, UAE. April 2015.
10. Senior Fellows Hands on Course (ASGE sponsored course). **Invited faculty**. Digestive Disease Week, Washington D.C. May 2015.
11. Live Endoscopy Broadcast to Milan, Italy. **Invited Faculty**, IMAGE 2016: 7th International Endoscopy Course. June 18, 2016.
12. Hands on Endoscopy Course: **Faculty leader and facilitator**; American College of Gastroenterology Annual Scientific Meeting. October 2016.
13. EUS Training Workshop. **Invited Faculty**: Second International EUS symposium. King Fahd Medical City, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Oct 31-Nov 2, 2016.
14. Hands on Endoscopy Course: **Invited Faculty**. American College of Gastroenterology Annual Scientific Meeting Oct 2017.
15. Case based learning for MSII, Indiana University School of Medicine. Session development and delivery: Abdominal pain. Nov 8, 2017
16. **Hands on Workshop and Live Cases**. Third International Symposium on EUS and Pancreatobiliary Endoscopy, King Fahd Medical City, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. May 2-4, 2018.
17. Hands on Faculty Endoscopy Course, Foreign Body Removal. **Invited Faculty**: American College of Gastroenterology Regional Midwest Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, Aug 24, 2018
18. Hands on Endoscopy Course: **Invited Faculty**. American College of Gastroenterology Annual Scientific Meeting, Philadelphia, Oct 2018.
19. Hands on Endoscopy Course: **Invited Faculty**. American College of Gastroenterology Annual Scientific Meeting, San Antonio, Oct 2019.
20. Hands on Endoscopy Course and Live Cases Workshop. **Invited Faculty**: Fourth International EUS symposium. King Fahd Medical City, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Oct 11-12, 2019.
21. Hands on Endoscopy Course: **Invited Faculty**. American College of Gastroenterology Annual Scientific Meeting, Las Vegas, Oct 25, 2021.

TRAINEES / MENTEES

I have mentored the following Clinical Fellows in Advanced Endoscopy-Endoscopic Ultrasound and related Research:

- **Jillian O'Neil, MBBS, FRACP**: 2007: currently Staff Gastroenterologist, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Brisbane, Australia. Dr. O'Neil was the first endosonographer to provide this service in Brisbane and among a few in the entire State of Queensland.
- **Abdullah Rashdan, MBBS**: 2009; currently Staff gastroenterologist, Illinois Gastroenterology Institute, Peoria, IL. He had since established an advanced endoscopy practice at the Illinois Gastroenterology Institute in Peoria, IL.
- **Mehdi Mohamadnejad, MD**: 2012-2013: currently Assistant Professor, Director of advanced endoscopy program, University of Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran. He has since returned to his home country Iran to establish the first advanced endoscopy training program at the Tehran University of Medical Sciences as an Assistant Professor of Medicine. Dr. Mohamadnejad's prolific scientific writing resulted in 3 publications in top tier gastroenterology journals in addition to several abstracts presented in national meetings. I continue to remotely work with him on completing a number of research projects initiated during his fellowship.
- **Leticia Luz, MD** 2012-2014: Assistant Professor, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN and Roudebush VA Medical Center 2012-2014; currently staff gastroenterologist at Park Nicollet Health Services, Minneapolis, MN.
- **Michael Sey, MD**: 2013-2014: Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Western Ontario, London, Canada. Dr. Sey is a therapeutic endoscopist.

- **Wiriaporn Ridditid, MD:** 2014: Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology, Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital, Thai Red Cross Society. Dr. Ridditid is a therapeutic endoscopist and is the director of the advanced endoscopy program.
- **Mark Gromski MD:** 2017-2018: Assistant Professor, Division of Gastroenterology, Department of Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
- **Benjamin Bick MD:** 2018-2019. Assistant Professor, Division of Gastroenterology, Department of Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
- **Aditya Gutta, MD:** Assistant Professor, Division of Gastroenterology, Department of Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN

I have mentored the following persons in General Gastroenterology and related Research:

- **Christen Klochan, MD:** 2011: currently Assistant professor, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN and Roudebush VA Medical Center;
- **Ihab El-Hajj MD:** 2012-2017: Assistant professor, an advanced endoscopist at Indiana University School of Medicine Indianapolis, IN, currently a Therapeutic endoscopist at Division of Gastroenterology, St George Hospital University Medical Center, University of Balamand, Beirut, and at Division of Gastroenterology, Clemenceau Medical Center (Johns Hopkins International), Beirut, Lebanon
- **Abdul El Chafic, MD** 2014: Completed an advanced endoscopy fellowship at Thomas Jefferson Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA and currently a therapeutic endoscopy faculty at Oschner Clinic, New Orleans, LA.
- **Ashish Agrawal, MD:** 2014: A gastroenterologist at Community Health System, Indianapolis, IN.
- **Ji Bang, MBBS:** 2014: currently an advanced and therapeutic endoscopist and director of clinical research, Florida Hospital, Orlando, FL.
- **Tony Wehbeh, MD** 2017-present. I serve as the faculty advisor of this clinical gastroenterology fellow. Dr. Wehbeh recently accepted a position as a gastroenterologist in Sioux Fall, SD.
- **Ite Obaitan, MD:** 2019-present. Dr. Obaitan is a current GI fellow at Indiana University School of Medicine.

I have mentored the following Internal Medicine Residents on various research projects in advanced endoscopy:

- **Lindsey Temnykh, MD:** 2017-2018, as a third year medical resident, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN.
- **Mahmoud Rahal, MD** 2017-2018, as second year medical resident, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN. Dr Rahal accepted a chief resident position, IUSM and is applying to GI fellowship in 2020.
- **Daanish Siddiqui, MD:** as second year medical resident, Indiana University School of Medicine
- **Harsh Patel MD,** Research volunteer 2018-2019, currently PGY1 internal medicine resident, Ocshner Clinic, New Orleans, LA; 2019-current.

I have mentored the following IU School of Medicine Students on various research projects in advanced endoscopy:

- **Lennon Gregor,** Medical Student III, IU School of Medicine, IMPRS mentorship program, April 2019-current. Mr. Gregor participated in the 2019 IMPRS Poster Session under my mentorship and was invited to present his projects at the 2019 IMPRS Oral Presentations on July 30, 2019

TEACHING ADMINISTRATION AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT:

1. Development of **Endoscopic Ultrasound Fellowship Curriculum**, Indiana University School of Medicine: 2007-2009, spent 2 months in development.
2. Development of **Endoscopic Ultrasound Curriculum for Standard GI fellows**, Indiana University School of Medicine: 2007-2009, spent 1 month in development.
3. **Director, Endoscopic Ultrasound Advanced Endoscopy Fellowship Program:** 2007-2014 and 2016-2017. This is a one year, non-accredited post-doctoral, hands-on fellowship. Teaching in the GI lab advanced endoscopy skills. I participate in the training of a minimum of one fellow year (over 600 hours/year).

4. **Introduction to Endoscopic Ultrasound**, Lecture to Clinical Gastroenterology Fellows. Spent: 1 day per session; Dates: October 2007, August 2008, May 2009, November 2010, February 2011, March 2012, October 2012 & November 2013

GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS IN TEACHING:

ACTIVE TEACHING GRANTS/ FELLOWSHIPS: None

COMPLETED RESEARCH GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

1. **Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS)-** ASGE PI 1% \$10,000 07/2006-06/2007
Guided Intrapancreatic Gold Seeds Placement as Internal Reference Points for External Beam
Radiotherapy Field Alignment of Locally Advanced Unresectable Pancreatic Cancer
2. **Safety and Efficacy of Cytology Brushings vs. Standard FNA in Evaluating Cystic lesions of the Pancreas: A Controlled Study** ASGE PI 1% \$37,000 07/2007-06/2008
3. **Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasms and the Role of New Diagnostic Techniques: An Updated Management Proposal** ASGE PI 35% \$150,000 07/2008-06/2011
4. **Clinical Evaluation of NOTES Gastropexy in Collie Dogs** Collie Foundation Co-PI 0%
\$19,050 01/2010-01/2011
5. **Propofol Sedation for Natural Orifice Translumenal Endoscopic Surgery (NOTES®): Feasibility Study in Dogs** NOSCAR PI 1% \$25,000 03/2010-03/2011
6. **Role of Novel Molecular Markers in the Diagnosis of Mucinous Pancreas Cystic lesions**
Indiana CTSI PI 0% \$10,000 06/2011-08/2011
7. **MircoRNAs for the Diagnosis of Malignant IPMN Lesions** ASGE PI 2%
\$73,000 07/2012-06/2014
8. **Prospective Evaluation of Molecular Markers for the Diagnosis of** RedPath Pathology PI
1% \$65,000 11/2012-12/2014
9. **Randomized Evaluation of PCLs Using Three EUS-FNA Needles** Boston Scientific PI
2% \$75,000 10/2013-09/2017

CURRENT RESEARCH GRANTS/ FELLOWSHIPS:

CRTX1 201 (Al-Haddad, Site PI) 04/01/2020- 03/31/2022 1.80 Cal Months
Creatics LLC \$279,699 total directs

Prospective Collection of Colon Fluids for Pancreatic Cancer Marker Validation

The objective of this study is to validate the diagnostic specificity, sensitivity and relevant statistical significance of previously identified biomarkers present in the colon lavage fluid of patients with pancreatic cancer.

R43/R44 (Caldwell, Lead PI) 09/01/2020- 08/31/2021 0.40 Cal Months
Amplified Sciences LLC \$51,575 total directs

Leveraging chemical sensing reagents for protease activity diagnostic assays to reduce unneeded surgeries

The major goals of this project are to a) Adapt two protease biomarker activity assays for clinical applications on minimal volumes of biofluids b) Adapt protease turnover assays for use on established clinical analyzer instrumentation.

Role: Site & Project PI

Cook MDR-1921 (Al-Haddad, Site PI) 05/01/2021-05/01/2022 0.20 Cal Months
Cook Inc.
Post marketing study on Instinct hemoclip

Cook MDR- MDR-20107 (Al-Haddad, Site PI) 0.20 Cal Months

Cook Inc. 05/01/2021-05/01/2022
Post marketing study on Fiducial needles

INVITED PRESENTATIONS– TEACHING

LOCAL

FELLOWS TEACHING LECTURES:

Two lectures on annual basis, 60 min each on a variety of topics including gastrointestinal stromal tumors, carcinoids, gastrointestinal lymphomas and pancreatic cysts: 2007-2014; 2016-present

NATIONAL

1. **Al-Haddad M.** Gastroenterology Medical/Surgical Conferences: Mayo Clinic Jacksonville weekly teaching conference with multiple topics. Lectures given to gastroenterology and general surgery trainees and consultants. August 2004-May 2007.
2. **Al-Haddad M.** A 62 year old Male Patient with Chronic Diarrhea: Approach to Malabsorption. Clinical Pathologic Conference, Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, **Medical Grand Round**. February 2005.
3. **Al-Haddad M.** An Abnormal Source of Upper GI Bleed. **Fellow presentations to the Visiting Professors Conferences**. Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. May 2005.
4. **Al-Haddad M.** Management of Upper GI Bleeding. **Invited speaker**. ASGE First Year Fellows Oak Brook, IL. Educational Course, Midwest region, Oak Brook, IL. August 2008.
5. **Al-Haddad M.** Writing Good Grants and How to Get Started on the Right Foot in Academic GI. **Invited lecture**, Academic Skills Workshop, ASGE and AGA, Chicago, IL. May 2011.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Digestive Disease Institute First Annual Symposium. **Course Director**. Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, UAE. January 2016.
2. **Al-Haddad M.** EUS Training. **Invited speaker**. Second International EUS symposium. King Fahd Medical City, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Oct 31-Nov 2, 2016.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS – RESEARCH

LOCAL

1. **Al-Haddad M.** EUS for the Staging of Esophageal Cancer. **Invited Speaker**. Endoscopic Ultrasound EUS Physicians Workshop, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN. June 2008
2. **Al-Haddad M.** EUS in 2008: New Frontiers. **GI Grand Rounds**, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN. August 2008.
3. **Al-Haddad M.** Screening Colonoscopy: A Community Based Approach. **Invited speaker**. Hospital Grand Rounds, Morgan Hospital, Martinsville, IN, October 2008
4. **Al-Haddad M.** EUS for staging of GI cancer: Case-based approach. GI Fellows Educational conference. Indiana University School of Medicine. November 2008.
5. **Al-Haddad M.** Endoscopic Ultrasound in Staging of Tumors. Endoscopic Ultrasound Nurses Workshop. **Speaker and Course co-director**. Indiana University School of Medicine. Indianapolis, IN. May 2009

6. **Al-Haddad M.** TNM staging of GI cancers: The Role of EUS. GI Fellows Educational conference. Indiana University School of Medicine. November 2009.
7. **Al-Haddad M.** EUS for staging of GI cancer. GI Fellows Educational conference. Indiana University School of Medicine, **Lecture** Indianapolis, IN, November 2010.
8. **Al-Haddad M.** NOTES: Lost Decade or New Frontier? **GI Grand Rounds**, Indiana University School of Medicine. November 2013
9. Roch A, **Al-Haddad M**, Schmidt CM, et al. Abnormal Serum Pancreatic Enzymes, But Not Pancreatitis, Are Associated With An Increased Risk Of Malignancy In Patients With Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasms by. **Oral Presentation**. Annual Central Surgical Association conference, Indianapolis, IN, March 2014
10. **Al-Haddad M.** Contemporary Therapies of Gastric Adenocarcinoma in 2014. Surgery Grand Rounds. **Speaker**, Indiana University School of Medicine. March 2014
11. **Al-Haddad M.** Pancreatic Cysts: When to worry and what to do. **Invited speaker**. 17th Annual GI Gastroenterology/Hepatology Update. Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN, May 2014
12. Roch A, Ceppa E, **Al-Haddad M**, DeWitt J, Feliciano D, Schmidt CM. The Natural History of Main Duct Involved, Mixed-Type Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasm: Parameters Predictive of Progression. **Oral presentation**. American Surgical College of Surgeons Indiana Chapter Meeting, Indianapolis, IN. 2015.
13. **Al-Haddad M.** POEM: A Treatment Procedure for Achalasia. **Invited speaker**. SGNA Regional Course, Indianapolis, IN Oct 21, 2017
14. **Al-Haddad M. Invited Speaker.** EUS in the Management of neuroendocrine Tumors. NANETS Regional Conference, Indianapolis, IN. Nov 4, 2017.
15. **Al-Haddad M.** Advances in EUS Guided Tissue Sampling: is it time to retire your old needle? IU Gastroenterology and Hepatology **Research Grand Rounds**, Indianapolis, IN, March 13, 2018.
16. **Al-Haddad M.** Advances in Endoscopic Therapies of Weight Loss. **Invited Speaker**, IU Health Obesity Symposium, NCAA Conference Center, Indianapolis, IN Oct 26, 2018
17. **Al-Haddad M.** Updates on Endoscopic Ultrasound-Guided Tissue Acquisition: Fine or Core Biopsy Needle. **Invited Speaker**, Indiana Association of Pathologists, Indianapolis, IN Oct 27, 2018
18. **Al-Haddad M.** Advances in Endoscopic Therapies of Weight Loss. **Invited Speaker**, IU Health Obesity Symposium, Ruth Lilly Conference Center, Indianapolis, IN Sep 6, 2019.
19. **Al-Haddad M. G-POEM for Gastroparesis, Invited Speaker**, Update on Diagnosis and Management of Foregut Motility, **NCAA Conference Center**, Sep 20, 2019.
20. **Al-Haddad M. G-POEM for Gastroparesis**, monthly noon GI Motility Conference. Oct 2, 2019

NATIONAL

1. **Al-Haddad M**, Frost S. Make no mistake: The Association between Leg Cramps and GI Bleeding. Presented at the Third Midwest Regional Meeting of the National Association of Inpatient Physicians (NAIP), Cleveland, Ohio, 2002
2. **Al-Haddad M**, Frost S. Medical Error can be a Bitter Pill. Presentation at the ACP/ASIM Ohio Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting, Columbus, Ohio, August 2002.

3. Loeb D, **Al-Haddad M**, Wolfsen H. Follow-up of Incomplete Colonoscopies in an Open Access Gastrointestinal Endoscopy unit: Are we doing enough?" **Presentation** at the World Congress of Gastroenterology, Montréal, Canada, Oct 2005
4. Safety of Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) during Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS): A Prospective Study. By **Al-Haddad M**, Pungpapong S, Hodgens CM, Toton RD, Gross SA, Noh KW, Wallace MB, Woodward TA, Raimondo M. Annual Meeting of Florida Gastroenterology Society, St. Augustine, FL, September 2006
5. Freeman L, Rahmani E, Kwan T, **Al-Haddad M**, et al. "NOTES Approach to Endoscopic Gastropexy: Feasibility Study in Dogs". **Oral Presentation** at the Society for American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES), Philadelphia, PA, April 2008.
6. **Al-Haddad M**. Novel Applications of Endoscopic Ultrasound. **Invited speaker**, Frontiers of Endoscopy, Albuquerque, NM. October 2008.
7. EUS Potpourri. **Moderator**, Oral Session. Digestive Disease Week. Chicago, IL. May 2011
8. Glant JA, Saavedra JRA, **Al-Haddad M** et al. Mimickers of Main Duct Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasm. **Oral presentation** at Annual Americas Hepatopancreatobiliary Association conference, Miami, FL, March 2011.
9. Meyer JE, Miller JR, Waters JA, **Al-Haddad M**, DeWitt J, Sherman S, Lillemoe KD, Schmidt CM. Outcome of Pancreatic Remnant Following Segmental Pancreatectomy For Non-Invasive Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasm (IPMN). **Oral presentation** at Annual Americas Hepatopancreatobiliary Association conference, Miami, FL, March 2011
10. **Al-Haddad M**. Should EUS-FNA of the pancreatic tumors be performed? **Invited speaker**, Podium Debate in EUS SIG, Digestive Disease Week, ASGE forum, Chicago, IL. May 2011
11. DeWitt J, **Al-Haddad M**. Endoscopic Ultrasound Guided Pancreatic Cyst Ablation With Ethanol and Paclitaxel: Will It Also Work in the Western Hemisphere? Gastrointestinal Endoscopy 2011. **Invited speaker**, Digestive Disease Week 2011. Chicago, IL. May 2011.
12. DeWitt J, **Al-Haddad M**. Alterations in Pancreatic Cyst Fluid DNA Analysis Following Endoscopic Ultrasound Guided Ablation With Ethanol and Paclitaxel. Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. **Oral Presentation**, Digestive Disease Week 2011. Chicago, IL. May, 2011
13. **Al-Haddad M**. Outcomes of Primary Surveillance for Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasm. **Invited speaker**, Digestive Disease Week 2011
14. **Al-Haddad M**. Tools of the Trade: **Invited speaker**. ASGE First Year Fellows, ASGE AT&T Center, Oak Brook, IL, August 2012.
15. Roch A, **Al-Haddad M**, Schmidt CM, et al. International Consensus Guideline Parameters Carry Unequal Weight and are Not Cumulative in IPMN malignant risk prediction. **Oral presentation**. Annual Americas Hepatopancreatobiliary Association conference, Miami, FL February 2013.
16. **Al-Haddad M**. ASGE First Year Fellows Educational Course. **Course Director**. ASGE IT&T Center, Oak Brook, IL. August 2013.
17. Roch A, **Al-Haddad M**, Schmidt CM. Non-Operative Management of Main Pancreatic Duct Involved Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasms May Be Indicated In Selected Patients. **Oral presentation**, Western Surgical Association. Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct 2013.
18. Ibrahim A, Cramer H, **Al-Haddad M**, Wu H. Molecular Analysis of Cyst Fluid Obtained from Endoscopic Ultrasound-Guided Fine-Needle Aspirates (EUS-FNA) of Cystic Lesions of the Pancreas. Presentation at the annual American Society of Cytopathology in Orlando, FL, Oct 2013.

19. **Al-Haddad M.** Management of Pancreatic Cysts: What a Gastroenterologist should know. **Invited speaker.** New York Society of GI Endoscopy. New York, NY. December 2013
20. **Al-Haddad M.** EUS in 2014: What to Look for, How to Biopsy and Which Tests to Send? **Invited speaker.** *State of the Art Lecture*, Digestive Disease Week, Chicago, IL. May 2014
21. Mneimneh W, Nakanishi Y, Sey M, **Al-Haddad M**, DeWitt J and Saxena R. Consecutive Endoscopic Ultrasound Guided Transgastric Liver Biopsies for Parenchymal. **Oral Presentation.** United States & Canadian Academy of Pathology Annual Meeting. Boston, MA, March 2015.
22. Roch A, Ceppa E, **Al-Haddad M**, DeWitt J, Feliciano D, Schmidt CM. Multi-Institutional Study on the Natural History of Large Sized Branch-Duct Pancreatic Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasm. **Oral Presentation.** American Surgical Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA, April 2015
23. **A-Haddad M.** Update on Esophageal Dilatation. **Invited Speaker.** Senior Fellows Special Session. Digestive Disease Week 2015. Washington D.C. May 2015.
24. **Al-Haddad M.** EUS Guided Liver Biopsy Lunch Symposium. **Invited speaker and moderator.** Digestive Disease Week, Washington D.C. May 2015.
25. Roch A, Ceppa E, **Al-Haddad M**, DeWitt J, Schmidt CM. Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasm of the Pancreas, One Manifestation of a More Systemic Disease? **Oral Presentation.** 2015 Midwest Surgical Association Meeting in Lake Geneva, WI. July, 2015.
26. **Al-Haddad M.** How to Perform an Efficient EUS-FNA but Without Compromising Outcomes. **Invited Faculty and Moderator.** The 3rd Annual Orlando Live EUS. Orlando Hospital, University of Central Florida. Orlando, FL. September 2015.
27. **Al-Haddad M.** Interventional EUS Literature Update. **Invited Faculty and Moderator.** 3rd Annual Orlando Live EUS. Orlando Hospital, University of Central Florida. Orlando, FL. September 2015.
28. **Al-Haddad M.** Interventional EUS Literature Update. **Invited Faculty and Moderator.** 3rd Annual Orlando Live EUS. Orlando Hospital, University of Central Florida. Orlando, FL. September 2015.
29. **Al-Haddad M.** EUS for the Evaluation of Biliary Strictures. In the session: EUS Taking the Indeterminate out of Indeterminate Biliary Strictures. **Invited speaker**, AGA Clinical Symposium, Digestive Disease Week, San Diego, CA, May 2016.
30. **Al-Haddad M.** EUS Guided Liver Biopsies: Lunch with the Experts symposium. Digestive Disease Week, San Diego, CA, May 2016.
31. **Al-Haddad M, Levy M.** EUS Masters Level Cases. Digestive Disease Week, San Diego, CA, May 2016
32. **Al-Haddad M.** FNA vs. FNB: how to perform effective EUS guided Tissue Sampling. **Invited speaker.** St John Providence Hospital's 2nd Annual Endoscopic Conference, Detroit, MI. March 24-25, 2017
33. **Al-Haddad M**, Jackson S, Toney N, Narick C, Finkelstein S, Haddad N. Cancer Risk In Patients Meeting AGA 2015 Management Criteria For Pancreatic Cystic Lesions. Presented at the Annual American Pancreas Association Meeting, 2017.
34. **Al-Haddad M.** New Trends in EUS guided Tissue Sampling. **Visiting Professor and Grand Rounds Speaker**, Division of Gastroenterology, Rutgers University/Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Brunswick, NJ, April 27, 2018.
35. **Al-Haddad M.** AGA Institute Council's Poster Visiting Program, Volunteer Faculty, DDW 2018.
36. Simpson L, **Al-Haddad M**, Schmidt CM et al. The Dilemma of the Dilated Main Pancreatic Duct in the Distal Pancreatic Remnant after Proximal Pancreatectomy for Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasm. Oral Presentation (Plenary Session), SSAT, DDW 2018, Washington D.C.

37. **Al-Haddad M.** What Needles Yield True Core Tissue in 2018? Endoscopic Ultrasound SIG. Invited speaker, DDW 2018, Washington D.C.
38. **Al-Haddad M.** Clinical Symposium Session Moderator. Detection, Diagnosis, and Management of Pancreatic Cysts in 2018. DDW 2018, DDW 2018, Washington D.C.
39. **Al-Haddad M.** What needles in 2018 yield true core tissue? **Invited Speaker.** EUS-Special Interest Group (SIG) at Digestive Disease Week 2018, Washington DC. June 2, 2018.
40. **Al-Haddad M.** Cystic Neoplasms of the Pancreas. **Invited Speaker,** American College of Gastroenterology **Annual Post Graduate Course,** Philadelphia, PA. October 6, 2018.
41. **Al-Haddad M.** Management of Cystic Neoplasms of the Pancreas. **Visiting Professor and Grand Rounds Speaker,** Division of Gastroenterology, Mayo Clinic Florida, Oct 12, 2018.
42. **Al-Haddad M.** Navigating Post Fellowship Career in Academia. **Visiting Professor,** Division of Gastroenterology, Mayo Clinic Florida, Oct 12, 2018.
43. **Al-Haddad M** ACG Poster Review Program judge, ACG, Philadelphia, PA. October 2018.
44. **Al-Haddad M** ACG Poster Review Program judge, ACG, San Antonio, TX. October 2019.
45. **Al-Haddad M.** Molecular Markers in Guiding the Management of Cystic Neoplasms of the Pancreas. **Visiting Professor and Grand Rounds Speaker,** Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, Jan 9, 2020.
46. **Al-Haddad M.** EUS Guided Liver Biopsy. **Invited Speaker.** John's Hopkins International Therapeutic Endoscopy Course (HITEC), John's Hopkins College of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, Aug 27, 2021.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Abu-Suboh Abadia M, Dot Bach J, Rodríguez S, Larrea M, Ramentol F, Salord J, Iglesias C, Tallada N, **Al-Haddad M,** Gross S. Raimondo M, Woodward TA, Wallace MB, Armengol-Miro JR. EUS-FNA: "Experiencia Preliminar De Un Hospital Terciario Comparada Con Otro Centro De Referecia." Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting for the Spanish Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Madrid, Spain, Oct 2005.
2. Pungpapong S, Noh KW, **Al-Haddad M,** Wallace MB, Woodward TA, Raimondo M Combined Pancreatic Juice IL-8 Concentration and EUS Are Highly Predictive to Diagnose Chronic Pancreatitis (CP)". Presentation. 15th International Symposium of Endoscopic Ultrasonography, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, November 2006.
3. **Al-Haddad M,** Pungpapong S, Scolapio JS, Noh KW, Wallace MB, Woodward TA, Pallotta N, Raimondo M. Risk Factors for Hyperechogenic Pancreas on Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS). A Case Controlled Study. Presentation. 15th International Symposium of Endoscopic Ultrasonography, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, November 2006.
4. **Al-Haddad M,** Bonatti H, Pungpapong S, Noh KW, Gross SA, Raimondo M, Woodward TA, Wallace MB. Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasm: Is it safe to watch and wait? Oral Presentation. The 15th International Symposium of Endoscopic Ultrasonography, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, November 2006.
5. Wallace M, Pascual M, Raimondo M, Woodward T, McComb B, Johnson M, **Al-Haddad M,** Noh K, Pungpapong S, Hardee J, Pajaro O, Odell J. Complete "medical mediastinoscopy" under conscious sedation: A prospective blinded comparison of endoscopic and endobronchial ultrasound to bronchoscopic fine needle aspiration for malignant mediastinal lymph nodes. Oral presentation at the 15th International Symposium of Endoscopic Ultrasonography, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Nov 2006.

6. Noh KW, Pungpapong S, Wallace MB, Woodward TA, **Al-Haddad M**, Raimondo M. Is EUS with Doppler Comparable to Transabdominal Ultrasound as a Screening Test for Chronic Mesenteric Ischemia (CMI)? Presented at the 15th International Symposium of Endoscopic Ultrasonography, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Nov 2006.
7. **Al-Haddad M**, Bonatti H, Pungpapong S, Noh KW, Gross SA, Raimondo M, Woodward TA, Wallace MB. Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasm: Is it safe to watch and wait? Oral presentation at the 15th International Symposium of Endoscopic Ultrasonography, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Nov 2006.
8. **Al-Haddad M**, Pungpapong S, Hodgins CM, Toton RD, Gross SA, Noh KW, Wallace MB, Woodward TA, Raimondo M Safety of Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) during Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS): A Prospective Study. 15th International Symposium of Endoscopic Ultrasonography, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, November 2006.
9. **Al-Haddad M**. Management of Upper GI Bleeding. Invited speaker. Grand Rounds, King Hussein Cancer Center; Amman, Jordan. June 2010.
10. **Al-Haddad M**. New Therapeutic Frontiers in EUS. Invited speaker, Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, King Hussein Cancer Center; Amman, Jordan. June 2010.
11. **Al-Haddad M**. Comparison of Postoperative Pain and Stress with Notes, Open & Laparoscopic Ovariectomy. Invited speaker. NOTES-WIDER Annual Conference, Barcelona, Spain. December 2010.
12. **Al-Haddad M**. Propofol in NOTES: Feasibility Study in Dogs. Invited speaker, NOTES-WIDER Annual Conference, Barcelona, Spain. December 2010.
13. **Al-Haddad M**. The Learning Curve of NOTES. Invited speaker, NOTES-WIDER Annual Conference, Barcelona, Spain. November 2011.
14. **Al-Haddad M**. NOTES Approach to Endoscopic Gastropexy: Feasibility Study in Dogs and Potential Human Applications. Invited speaker, NOTES-WIDER Annual Conference, Barcelona, Spain. November 2011.
15. **Al-Haddad M**. Evaluating Strategies for Using DNA Testing To Identify Mucinous Pancreatic Cysts. Oral Presentation. International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research 15th Annual European Congress, Berlin, Germany November 2012.
16. **Al-Haddad M**. Colon Cancer Screening. Arab Health Fair, Abu Dhabi, UAE, October 20, 2014.
17. **Al-Haddad M**. EUS in the Management of GI Malignancies. Invited faculty/Moderator; First International Live EUS Course. King Fahad Medical City, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. December 2014.
18. **Al-Haddad M**. Reshaping Healthcare through Screening and Prevention. Speaker, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi Organization Grand Rounds, Abu Dhabi, UAE. January 2015.
19. **Al-Haddad M**. Pancreatic Cysts – When to watch, resect or leave alone. Speaker, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi Grand Rounds. May 2015.
20. **Al-Haddad M**. EUS in the Management of GI Cancers. Invited Faculty and moderator. International Iranian Congress on EUS. Tehran University of Medical Sciences. Tehran, Iran. May 2015.
21. **Al-Haddad M**. Pancreatic Cysts – When to watch, resect or leave alone. Speaker. Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi DDI Grand Rounds. May 2015.
22. **Al-Haddad M**. Status of Endoscopic Units Infrastructure. Invited Speaker. First Middle East Endoscopy Focus Group. Dubai, UAE, November 2015.
23. **Al-Haddad M**. EUS for the Diagnosis and Management of Cystic Pancreatic Neoplasms. Invited Speaker. Emirates Oncology Annual Conference, Abu Dhabi, UAE, November 2015.

24. **Al-Haddad M.** Update on the Management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease. Invited Speaker. Cleveland Clinic Pathology Update Conference. Abu Dhabi, UAE, December 2015.
25. **Al-Haddad M.** Management of Pancreatic Exocrine Insufficiency. Visiting Professorship and Grand Rounds Speaker, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, December 2015.
26. **Al-Haddad M.** Management of Pancreatic Cysts and Chronic Pancreatitis. Invited Speaker. Annual Arab Health Meeting, Dubai, UAE, January 2016.
27. **Al-Haddad M.** Endoscopic Quality Measurement. Invited Faculty and Moderator. The Saudi Gastroenterology Association and the Saudi Association for the Study of Liver Disease Annual Scientific Meeting. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, January 2016.
28. **Al-Haddad M.** Approach to Incidental Pancreatic Cyst: Is Follow up & Monitoring Necessary? Invited Faculty and Moderator. The Saudi Gastroenterology Association and the Saudi Association for the Study of Liver Disease Annual Scientific Meeting. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, January 2016.
29. **Al-Haddad M.** EUS in the Management of Gastrointestinal Oncology. Digestive Disease Institute First Annual Symposium. Speaker. Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, UAE. January 2016.
30. **Al-Haddad M.** Management of Pancreatic Cysts: to ignore, watch or resect? Speaker. Digestive Disease Institute First Annual Symposium. Speaker. Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, UAE. January 2016
31. **Al-Haddad M.** Benchmarks in Advanced Endoscopy Training. Invited Speaker. First Asian EUS Group (AEG) Hands-on Course. King Khaled University hospital, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. January 2016.
32. **Al-Haddad M.** Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Problems and Perspectives. 2nd Emirates Pathology Meeting, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE. April 2016.
33. **Al-Haddad M.** Colorectal Cancer at a Glance. Invited speaker, High Risk Cancer Screening Workshop sponsored by the Health Authority of Abu Dhabi, NMC Hospital, UAE, July 12, 2016.
34. **Al-Haddad M.** EUS Guided Biliary Drainage. Invited speaker. Second International EUS symposium, King Fahd Medical City, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Oct 31-Nov 2, 2016.
35. **Al-Haddad M.** Direct Endoscopic Necrosectomy: Where do we stand in 2016? Invited speaker. WIDER Barcelona 10th Annual Conference, Barcelona, Spain. November 21-22, 2016.
36. **Al-Haddad M.** FNA vs. FNB: how to perform effective EUS guided Tissue Sampling. Invited speaker. WIDER Barcelona 11th Annual Conference, Barcelona, Spain. November 27-28, 2017.
37. **Al-Haddad M.** Combined Endoscopic Suturing and Stenting for Closure of Esophageal Defects. Invited speaker. WIDER Barcelona 11th Annual Conference, Barcelona, Spain. November 27-28, 2017.
38. **Al-Haddad M.** Biliary Strictures: A Multidisciplinary Approach. Invited Speaker and Live Cases Faculty. Third International Symposium on EUS and Pancreatobiliary Endoscopy, King Fahd Medical City, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. May 2-4, 2018.
39. **Al-Haddad M.** Updates on EUS Guided Tissue Sampling. Invited Speaker and Live Cases Faculty. Third International Symposium on EUS and Pancreatobiliary Endoscopy, King Fahd Medical City, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. May 2-4, 2018.
40. **Al-Haddad M.** G-POEM for Gastroparesis: Is it truly effective? Invited speaker. WIDER Barcelona 12th Annual Conference, Barcelona, Spain. November 26-27, 2018.
41. **Al-Haddad M.** Cystic Neoplasms of the Pancreas? Invited speaker. Arab Health 11th Gastroenterology Conference, Dubai UAE, January 28-29, 2019.

42. **Al-Haddad M.** International Therapeutic Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) Course ITEC-IHU 2019. Invited Speaker and Live Course Faculty, Strasbourg University and Institute of Image Guided Therapy, Strasbourg, France, May 9-11, 2019.
43. **Al-Haddad M.** Update on G-POEM for Gastroparesis. Invited Speaker and Live Course Faculty. Fourth International Symposium of Live Endoscopy, King Fahd Medical City, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Oct 10-11, 2019.
44. **Al-Haddad M.** Update on EDGE: EUS Guided Transgastric Access for ERCP. Invited Speaker and Live Course Faculty. Fourth International Symposium of Live Endoscopy, King Fahd Medical City, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Oct 10-11, 2019.
45. **Al-Haddad M.** G-POEM for Gastroparesis: An Efficacy and Quality of Life Perspective. Invited Speaker and Live Course Faculty. WIDER Barcelona 13th Annual Conference, Barcelona, Spain. November 25-27, 2019.
46. **Al-Haddad M.** Endoscopic drainage of pancreatic fluid collections: LAMS vs Plastic stent. Invited Speaker and Hands on Course Faculty. Arab Health 12th Gastroenterology and GI Endoscopy Conference, Dubai UAE, January 27-28, 2020.
47. **Al-Haddad M.** How I do it: EUS Guided Biliary Access. Invited Speaker. Saudi Digestive Disease Forum, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, March 12-13, 2020.
48. **Al-Haddad M.** Diagnosis and Management of Pancreatic Cysts. Invited Speaker. Saudi Digestive Disease Forum, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, March 12-13, 2020.
49. **Al-Haddad M.** Various Advanced Endoscopy sessions. **Invited Speaker and moderator.** John's Hopkins International Therapeutic Endoscopy Course (HITEC), John's Hopkins College of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, Aug 27, 2021.
50. **Al-Haddad M.** G-POEM: Is it Effective for Gastroparesis? Invited Speaker and Live Course Faculty. Fifth International Symposium of Live Endoscopy, King Fahd Medical City, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Dec 2-4, 2021.
51. **Al-Haddad M.** G-POEM for Gastroparesis: An Efficacy and Quality of Life Perspective. Invited Speaker and Live Course Faculty. WIDER Barcelona 14th Annual Conference, Barcelona, Spain. November 24-25, 2021.

SERVICE

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:
Committee Service

Organization: **Indiana University School of Medicine**, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Committee Name/Role: Education Committee member (appointed member)
Dates of Service: 2010-2014

Organization: **Indiana University School of Medicine**
Committee Name/Role: Indiana University Hospital Operations Committee (appointed member)
Dates of Service: 2012-2014

Organization: **Indiana University School of Medicine**, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Committee Name/Role: Data Safety and Monitoring Committee-Chair
Dates of Service: 2012-2015

Organization: **Indiana University School of Medicine**, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Committee Name/Role: Clinical Competence Committee-Vice Chair
Dates of Service: 2013-2014

Organization: **Indiana University Health**
Committee Name/Role: Compensation Model Review Committee
Dates of Service: 2016–2017

Organization: **Indiana University Health**
Committee Name/Role: IU Health DaLD Value Stream Steering Committee
Dates of Service: Oct 2016 – Feb 2018

Organization: **Indiana University School of Medicine**, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Committee Name/Role: Digestive Disease and Liver Clinical Cabinet-appointed member
Dates of Service: 2016-present

Organization: **Indiana University Health**, Digestive and Liver Disorders
Committee Name/Role: Value Stream Steering Committee
Dates of Service: Oct 2016-present

Organization: **Indiana University Health**
Committee Name/Role: IU Health Quality and Patient Safety Subcommittee
Dates of Service: 2016–present

Organization: **Indiana University Health**
Committee Name/Role: Glen Lehman Medical Staffing and Credentialing Committee
Dates of Service: 2016–present

Organization: **Indiana University School of Medicine**, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Committee Name/Role: Adult GI and Liver Diseases CTSI Grant review committee- member
Dates of Service: Dec 2017

Organization: **Indiana University School of Medicine**, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Committee Name/Role: Gastroenterology Fellowship Application Review Committee
Dates of Service: Fall 2017, Fall 2018

Organization: **Indiana University Health**
Committee Name/Role: IU Health Comp wRVU Review Committee
Dates of Service: 2018–present

Organization: **Indiana University School of Medicine**, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Committee Name/Role: EOMP (Enhance Our Mission): Committee member
Dates of Service: September 2018-present

Organization: **Indiana University Health**
Committee Name/Role: GI Clinical Effectiveness Council: Council member
Dates of Service: April 2019-present

Organization: **Indiana University Health/Digestive and Liver Disorders**
Committee Name/Role: Quality Incentive Committee, Chair.
Dates of Service: June 2019-present

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Boards

Journal: **World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy**
Dates of Service: 2010- 2014

Journal: **World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pathophysiology**
Dates of Service: 2011- 2014

Journal: **Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Journal** (International Editorial Board Member)

Dates of Service: 2015– Aug 2018

Journal: **Saudi Journal of Gastroenterology**

Dates of Service: 2018– present

Journal: **Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Journal** (Editorial Board)

Dates of Service: Aug 2018–present

Journal: **Clinical Gastrointestinal and Hepatology** (Associate Editor)

Dates of Service: July 2022 (*future role*)

Scientific Reviewer

- **Journal of Pancreas**: 2005-present
- **Journal of Clinical Ultrasound**: 2006- 2010
- **Disease of the Esophagus**: 2006- 2012
- **The Lancet Oncology**: 2006– 2012
- **Gastrointestinal Endoscopy**: 2007- present
- **Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology**: 2007– present
- **Gastroenterology**: 2010-present
- **Saudi Journal of Gastroenterology**: 2014-present
- **JAMA**: 2015- present

NATIONAL ORGAIZATIONS:

Organization: **Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, FL**

Committee Name/Role: Gastroenterology Clinical Practice Committee (appointed member)

Dates of Service: 2004-2007

Organization: **Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, FL**

Committee Name/Role: Education Committee (appointed member)

Dates of Service: 2004-2007

Organization: **Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, FL**

Committee Name/Role: Fellowship Internal Review Committee (appointed member)

Dates of Service: 2005-2007

Organization: **Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, FL**

Committee Name/Role: Gastroenterology Research Committee (appointed member)

Dates of Service: 2005-2007

Organization: **Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, FL**

Committee Name/Role: Gastroenterology Education Committee

Dates of Service: 2006-2007

Organization: **American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE)**

Committee Name/Role: Research Committee-member

Dates of Service: 2008-2011

Organization: **Central Society for Clinical Research**

Committee Name/Role: Research Committee (elected member)

Dates of Service: 2009- 2013

Organization: **American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE)**

Committee Name/Role: Training Committee- appointed member

Dates of Service: 2012- 2015

Organization: **American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, American College of Gastroenterology and American Gastroenterological Association**

Committee Name/Role: Program Directors' Caucus Steering Committee- member

Dates of Service: 2013- 2016

Organization: **American College of Gastroenterology (ACG)**

Committee Name/Role: International Relations Committee-member

Dates of Service: 2014– present

Organization: **American Gastroenterology Association (AGA)**

Committee Name/Role: DDW Abstract Review Committee-member

Dates of Service: 2015- present

Organization: **American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy**

Committee Name/Role: Beyond Our Walls Campaign General Phase Committee-member

Dates of Service: March- June 2017

Organization: **American College of Gastroenterology (ACG)**

Committee Name/Role: Annual Program abstract selection committee-member

Dates of Service: 2017

Organization: **American College of Gastroenterology (ACG)**

Committee Name/Role: WCOG at ACG 2017 Abstract Review Committee-member

Dates of Service: 2017- present

Organization: **American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy**

Committee Name/Role: Standards of Practice Committee-member

Dates of Service: May 2018- present

Organization: **American College of Gastroenterology (ACG)**

Committee Name/Role: ACG Board of Governors

Dates of Service: 2019- present

Organization: **American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy**

Committee Name/Role: Advanced Endoscopy Committee- appointed member

Dates of Service: July 2021-current

INTERNATIONAL:

Organization: **Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi**

Committee Name/Role: Endoscopy Committee, Chair

Dates of Service: 8/2014– 08/2016

Organization: **Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi**

Committee Name/Role: Perioperative Services Committee, Member

Dates of Service: 08/2014– 08/2016

Organization: **Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi**

Committee Name/Role: Moderate Sedation Committee, Member

Dates of Service: 08/2014– 08/2016

Organization: **Health Authority of Abu Dhabi**

Committee Name/Role: Colorectal cancer Screening Taskforce

Dates of Service: 08/2014-08/2016

Organization: **Emirates Gastroenterology and Hepatology Society (EGHS)**

Committee Name/Role: EGHS – WGO International Congress Abstract selection committee-member

Dates of Service: 01/2016-11/2016

Organization: **Emirates Gastroenterology and Hepatology Society (EGHS)**

Committee Name/Role: EGHS–WGO Gastro 2016 International Congress Scientific Program committee-member

Dates of Service: 01/2016- 11/2016

PUBLICATIONS:

† Indicates first author is a trainee and/or me being the senior and corresponding author on the paper.

*In Rank

Original, peer-reviewed publications:

1. Achkar JP, **Al-Haddad M**, Lashner B, Remzi FH, Brzezinski A, Shen B, Khandwala F, Fazio VI. Differentiating Risk Factors for Acute and Chronic Pouchitis. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2005 January;3(1):60-6.
2. **Al-Haddad M**, Wallace MB. Molecular Diagnostics of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Using Mediastinal Lymph Nodes Sampled by Endoscopic Ultrasound-Guided Needle Aspiration. Cytopathology. 2006 January; 17: 3-9.
3. **Al-Haddad M**, Wallace MB. Molecules and Markers for Endosonographers: What Do We Need to Know and Measure? Endoscopy. 2006 June;38 Suppl 1:114-7.
4. **Al-Haddad M**, Wallace MB. EUS-FNA and Biomarkers for the Staging of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer. Endoscopy. 2006 June; 38 Suppl 1:50-3.
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153.DDW 2021 abstracts accepted: 12 abstracts. Available upon request. Official program available.

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EXHIBIT B

**IN THE STATE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

CASSANDRA ALVARADO and)	
FRANK ALVARADO,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.
)	23EV000157
v.)	
)	
SURESH KHANDEKAR, M.D. and)	
TRUE YOU WEIGHT LOSS –)	
ATLANTA, LLC,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

NOTICE OF FILING NOTICE OF REMOVAL

COME NOW, Defendants Suresh Khandekar, M.D. and True You Weight Loss – Atlanta, LLC, and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), hereby notify the Court and opposing counsel of the filing of the attached Notice of Removal to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division.

This the 8th day of February, 2023.

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